

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 COUNTY SPECIAL & MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT

MUNICIPAL CONTESTS	BALLOT ISSUES	BALLOT ISSUES CONTINUED
<u>BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL WARD 1</u> VOTE FOR 1 ED GULICK STEPHANIE KRUEGER	YELLOWSTONE COUNTY NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX PROPOSITION Shall Yellowstone County impose a 3% local-option marijuana excise tax on the retail value of all non-medical marijuana and non-medical marijuana products sold within Yellowstone County. FOR a 3% (three percent) Marijuana Local-Option Excise Tax for all non-medical marijuana and non-medical marijuana products AGAINST a 3% (three percent) Marijuana Local-Option Excise Tax for all non-medical marijuana and non-medical marijuana products	CITY OF BILLINGS MILL LEVY PROPOSITION Summary: Violent crime rates and calls for emergency services have increased over the past 10 years. This ballot measure asks voters to approve or disapprove an additional permanent annual levy up to 34 mills to increase investments to police, fire, prosecution services, code enforcement, municipal court, mental health and substance abuse services, and related public safety expenses. The amount raised by the new levy, when fully implemented, would be approximately \$7.1 million and would change as the taxable property value of the city changes. Proposal: On June 28, 2021, the Billings City Council adopted Ordinance 21-5760 referring this ballot to the voters. If approved, this ballot measure would add the following language to the City Charter as Section 1.05.2: Section 1.05.2 Mill Levy to Fund Police, Fire, Prosecution Services, Code Enforcement, Municipal Court, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and Related Public Safety Expenses. For the purpose of funding the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the police department, fire department, prosecution services, code enforcement, municipal court, mental health and substance abuse services, and related public safety expenses, the City Council shall levy up to 34 mills starting in fiscal year 2023, which will raise approximately \$7,115,000. The foregoing mill levy is permanent and shall continue indefinitely in future fiscal years. This levy is not cumulative, which means the number of mills will not increase over time. This levy is in addition to any other mill levies authorized by Charter or law. Residential Property Impact: If approved, the annual property tax increase in fiscal year 2023 on a home valued at \$100,000 is approximately \$45.90 per year. The annual property tax increase in fiscal year 2023 on a home valued at \$200,000 is approximately \$91.80 per year. Shall the City be authorized to amend the City Charter to add Section 1.05.2 to levy up to 34 mills raising approximately \$7.1 million to support police, fire, prosecution services, code enforcement, municipal court, mental health and substance abuse services, and related public safety expenses? FOR adding Section 1.05.2 to levy up to 34 mills raising approximately \$7.1 million to support police, fire, prosecution services, code enforcement, municipal court, mental health and substance abuse services, and related public safety expenses as set forth above which provides for a permanent, non-cumulative mill levy commencing in fiscal year 2023 as provided in Ordinance 21-5760. AGAINST adding Section 1.05.2 to levy up to 34 mills raising approximately \$7.1 million to support police, fire, prosecution services, code enforcement, municipal court, mental health and substance abuse services, and related public safety expenses as set forth above which provides for a permanent, non-cumulative mill levy commencing in fiscal year 2023 as provided in Ordinance 21-5760.
<u>BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL WARD 2</u> VOTE FOR 1 FRANK EWALT JENNIFER OWEN		
<u>BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL WARD 3</u> VOTE FOR 1 DENISE JOY CHARLIE LOVERIDGE		
<u>BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL WARD 4</u> VOTE FOR 1 MARY HERNANDEZ DANIEL TIDSWELL TIM WARBURTON	YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MEDICAL MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX PROPOSITION Shall Yellowstone County impose a 3% local-option marijuana excise tax on the retail value of all medical marijuana and medical marijuana products sold within Yellowstone County. FOR a 3% (three percent) Marijuana Local-Option Excise Tax for all medical marijuana and medical marijuana products AGAINST a 3% (three percent) Marijuana Local-Option Excise Tax for all medical marijuana and medical marijuana products	
<u>BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5</u> VOTE FOR 1 TOM RUP SIS DENNIS L. ULVESTAD FRED WILBURN		
<u>BROADVIEW COMMISSIONER</u> VOTE FOR 3 ROGER D SWARTZ		
<u>LAUREL MAYOR</u> VOTE FOR 1 BRUCE MCGEE THOMAS C NELSON SCOT STOKES DAVE WAGGONER		
<u>LAUREL CITY COURT JUDGE</u> VOTE FOR 1 JEAN M. KERR JULIANE E. LORE		

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CITY OF BILLINGS MARIJUANA
DISPENSARY ORDINANCE
PROPOSITION

Summary: Initiative Measure 190 (I-190) was approved by the electors of the City of Billings in the general election held November 3, 2020, legalizing possession and use of marijuana for adults over the age of 21 as well as certain marijuana businesses. The Montana Legislature passed House Bill 701 in 2021 and modified provisions of I-190 providing an option for electors to consider prohibition of the seven categories of marijuana businesses. This ballot measure asks voters to approve or disapprove adult-use marijuana dispensaries, which is one of the various types of marijuana businesses which were authorized by House Bill 701. The use and possession of marijuana for adults over the age of 21 and the remaining categories of marijuana businesses will not be impacted by this vote, including medical marijuana dispensaries, and will be permitted in the City of Billings upon the effective date of House Bill 701.

Proposal: The Billings City Council has proposed an ordinance to prohibit adult-use marijuana dispensaries and passed Resolution 21-10981 to submit this ballot to the voters. Adult-use dispensary means a licensed premises from which a person licensed by the Montana Department of Revenue may sell marijuana or marijuana products to both registered cardholders and adults that are 21 years of age or older. This proposed ordinance would not prohibit the operation of medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Billings.

Shall dispensaries of adult use marijuana, commonly referred to as recreational-use marijuana, be permitted within the limits of the City of Billings?

FOR permitting dispensaries of adult-use marijuana, commonly referred to as recreational-use marijuana, within the limits of the City of Billings.

AGAINST permitting dispensaries of adult-use marijuana, commonly referred to as recreational-use marijuana, within the limits of the City of Billings.

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